A sandwich material comprising two metal plates which are affixed to and separated by a fibrous core, characterised in that the core comprises a three-dimensional porous network comprising metal fibres, wherein substantially all of the fibres are inclined at an acute angle (0) to the plates.

A sandwich material according to claim 1, wherein the
 metal fibres are bonded together at crossover points within the network.

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3. A sandwich material according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the metal plates and the metal fibres comprise metals independently selected from stainless steel, steel, aluminium and titanium.

4. A sandwich material according to claim 3, wherein the metal plates and the metal fibres comprise stainless steel or aluminium.

5. A sandwich material according to any preceding claim, wherein the plates are affixed to the fibrous core by means of a braze.

6. A sandwich material according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the plates are affixed to the fibrous core by means

of an adhesive.

7. A sandwich makerial according to any preceding claim, wherein the fibres in the core are randomly orientated.

8. A sandwich material according to any preceding claim, wherein θ is less than 60° .

9. A sandwich material according to any preceding claim, wherein the average diameter of the fibres is less than 500 μm .

10. A sandwich material according to any preceding claim, wherein the total thickness of the material is 0.5mm - 1 cm.

35 ll. A sandwich material according to any preceding claim, wherein the fibres occupy 5-50 volume% of the core.

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12. A sandwich material according to claim 11, wherein the fibres occupy 5-10 volume % of the core.

13. A sandwich material according to any preceding claim, wherein the core additionally comprises non-metallic fibres.

14. A sandwich material according to any preceding claim, wherein the fibrous core additionally comprises a polymer matrix.

15. A process for the preparation of a sandwich material as defined in any of claims 1 to 14, comprising the step of affixing two metal plates to either side of a fibrous core.

16. A welded material comprising a sandwich material as defined in any of claims 1 to 14 welded to a substrate.

17. A vehicle part comprising a sandwich material as defined in any of claims 1 to 14.

18. A vehicle part according to claim 17, which is selected from spoilers, panels and roofs.

19. A vehicle comprising a vehicle part as defined in claim 17 or claim 18.

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